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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

08 CV 0994 Judge Bernag

LAMUEL WILSON,

PLAINTIFF DEMANDS
A TRIAL BY JURY

Plaintiff,

COMPLAINT

-against-

THE CITY OF NEW YORK,

SEAMAN'S CASE UNDER THE JONES ACT FOR PERSONAL INJURIES

Defendant.

SUITS UNDER SPECIAL RULE FOR SEAMEN TO SUE WITHOUT SECURITY OR PREPAYMENT OF FEES FOR THE ENFORCEMENT OF THE LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES, COMMON AND STATUTORY FOR THE PROTECTION OF AND FOR THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF SEAMEN AT SEA

Plaintiff LAMUEL WILSON, complaining of the defendant THE CITY OF NEW YORK, by his attorneys FRIEDMAN, JAMES & BUCHSBAUM LLP, respectfully alleges as follows:

FIRST COUNT

 Upon information and belief, at all times hereinafter mentioned, defendant THE CITY OF NEW YORK was a municipal corporation with offices within the State of New York and City of New York.

- 2. At all times and dates hereinafter mentioned, the defendant THE CITY OF NEW YORK owned the Ferry MICHAEL COSGROVE.
- 3. At all times hereinafter mentioned, the defendant THE CITY OF NEW YORK operated the Ferry MICHAEL COSGROVE.
- 4. At all the times and dates hereinafter mentioned, the defendant THE CITY OF NEW YORK controlled the Ferry MICHAEL COSGROVE.
- 5. At all times and dates hereinafter mentioned, the plaintiff was a member of the crew of the Ferry MICHAEL COSGROVE and an employee of the defendant.
- 6. That on or about January 17, 2008, without any fault on the part of the plaintiff, and wholly and solely by reason of the negligence, recklessness and carelessness of the defendant THE CITY OF NEW YORK, its agents, servants and/or employees, and by reason of the unseaworthiness of its vessel, the plaintiff was caused to sustain injuries.
- 7. As a result of the foregoing, the plaintiff was rendered sick, sore, lame and disabled and sustained severe permanent personal injuries, was and is internally and externally disabled causing him to suffer pain, and for a time he was prevented from attending to his daily labors, thereby losing sums of money which he otherwise would have earned as wages, and has endeavored to be cured of his injuries, and has expended sums of money to maintain himself, and will continue to endure pain and suffering, all to his damage.
- By reason of the foregoing, plaintiff has been damaged in the sum 8. of TWO MILLION (\$2,000,000.00) DOLLARS.

SECOND COUNT

- 9. Plaintiff repeats and realleges each and every allegation of the First Count in this Complaint as if fully set forth at length herein.
- 10. Plaintiff is entitled to maintenance, cure, and medical expenses for the period that he was disabled and unable to work in the total sum of ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND (\$100,000.00) DOLLARS.

WHEREFORE, plaintiff LAMUEL WILSON demands judgment against defendant THE CITY OF NEW YORK in the First Count in the sum of TWO MILLION (\$2,000,000.00) DOLLARS; and in the Second Count in the sum of ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND (\$100,000.00) DOLLARS; together with interest and costs.

Dated: New York, New York January 30, 2008

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